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SUBJECT: EC POULTRY EXPORT SUBSIDIES REINSTITUTED

REF: EC BRUSSELS 6091

1. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISCUSSION REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH 2, REFTTEL,
WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE POULTRY SUBSIDY REINPOSITION WITH VAN AGTMAAL,
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OF THE COMMISSION AGRICULTURAL DIRECTORATE-GENERAL. WE REITERATED

TO HIM OUR UNHAPPINESS ABOUT THE COMMISSION ACTION. VAN AGTMAAL SAID THE COMMISSION WAS COMPELLED TO TAKE THIS ACTION DUE TO CONTINUED OVERPRODUCTION AND ACCUMULATION OF LARGE STOCKS IN ALL MEMBER STATES

EXCEPT ITALY. SUBSIDIES ON EXPORTS "TO EUROPEAN THIRD COUNTRIES" MEANS LARGELY RUSSIA, AND HE FELT THAT THIS WOULD NOT CREATE TOO MUCH OF A PROBLEM FOR U.S. EXPORTS. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT SUBSIDIES ON EXPORTS TO NORTH AFRICAN, MIDDLE EASTERN AND ARABIAN PENINSULA COUNTRIES LIKEWISE WOULD NOT CAUSE THE U.S. TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY. WE REPLIED THAT, ON THE CONTRARY, WE ARE SELLING POULTRY IN THE LATTER MARKETS AND WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO COMPETE THERE ON A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS.

2. VAN AGTMAAL SAID THAT THE PROFESSIONAL POULTRY PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS IN GERMANY, DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM AND FRANCE HAVE ADVISE THEIR MEMBERS TO REDUCE OUTPUT IN ORDER TO DECREASE STOCKS. VAN AGTMAAL BELIEVES THAT THE PRODUCERS ARE IN FACT REDUCING EGG SETS AND SLAUGHTERING OLD AND LOW-PRODUCING HENS WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING PRODUCTION BY 10 PERCENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN 1974 COMPARED TO 1973. THE U.K. REPORTEDLY HAS NO POULTRY PRODUCER ORGANIZATION THROUGH WHICH TO CONTROL SUCH AN EFFORT.

3. VAN AGTMAAL SAID THAT IF EFFORTS TO REDUCE PRODUCTION ARE SUCCESSFUL, HE BELIEVES IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE EXPORT SUBSIDY BEYOND THE 2 AND ONE HALF MONTHS CURRENTLY ENVISIONED BY THE COMMISSION. JOHNSTON

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